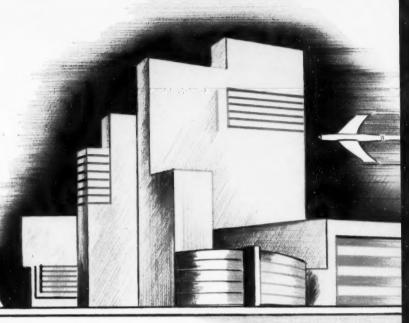
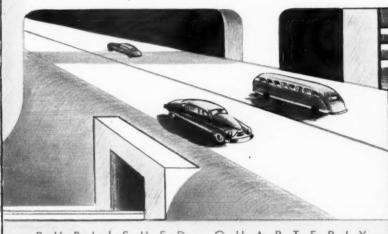
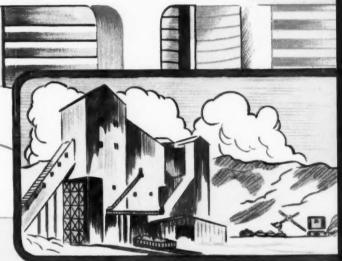
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# Quarry Operators to Meet in Cincinnati for 38th Annual Convention of NCSA

# Advance Registration Forecasts Excellent Attendance

THE time again draws near for crushed stone producers from all sections of the country and from Canada to participate in that traditionally outstanding event of the year—the Annual Convention of the National Crushed Stone Association.

Scheduled to take place at the Netherland Plaza Hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio, on February 7, 8, and 9, 1955, this meeting promises one of the most stimulating, informative, and entertaining programs ever held in the long history of our annual conventions. No segment of the industry has been overlooked in the painstaking development of the subjects to be presented. Executives, salesmen, superintendents, and operating men—all will find much that appeals especially to them, not to minimize the several presentations of broad, universal interest which help so much to get us out of the groove of our daily routine affairs.

In the following are briefly set forth some of the highlights of the Cincinnati program. We sincerely believe that it is one of the best ever presented for your pleasure and profit, and urge that those who have not already done so immediately make hotel reservations. Truly, February 7, 8, and 9 in Cincinnati will be the "bargain days" of 1955 for crushed stone producers on the lookout for new operating ideas.

Following the formal opening of the Convention on Monday morning, February 7, President T. C. Cooke will give us the answer to the highly interesting question: How has the crushed stone industry fared during the current transition period?

The comments and observations made by President Cooke will be based on reports now being prepared for submission to him by our several Regional Vice Presidents. How your association has functioned in your interest during the past year will then be covered by reports from executive staff officers, Messrs. Goldbeck, Boyd, and Gray.

Seldom has a proposal in the highway field received such enthusiastic support from federal, state, county, and city officials as has the plan of President Eisenhower for a gigantic highway building program to cover the next ten years. The President's proposal is in the final stages of development prior to submission to the Congress. Pyke Johnson has been very closely associated with the President's proposal since its inception and will therefore know whereof he speaks when, as the concluding feature of the morning session, he addresses us on the subject "Significant Developments in the Highway Construction Program of Tomorrow."

For the Greeting Luncheon on Monday we have, indeed, a surprise, brought about by an unusual coincidence of happy events which brings the Countess Maria Pulaski, not only to this country, but to the vicinity of Cincinnati at the time of our meeting. The Countess served with great distinction as an espionage agent to one of our allies during the late war and under the caption "My Life as a Spy" will give us some of the highlights of her thrilling adventures which have made her name famous. She will be en route to Hollywood where a motion picture will be based upon her exciting experiences

and we are exceedingly fortunate in getting her to stop off in Cincinnati to talk at our Greeting Luncheon.

Superintendents and operating men will find attendance at the forthcoming convention a highly profitable experience. Being an off-show year, two full sessions, Monday afternoon and Tuesday afternoon, will be devoted to carefully selected topics chosen because of their practical value, and profusely illustrated with moving pictures and color slides. Full opportunity is to be permitted for discussion, and these two sessions prompted our earlier comment that February 7, 8, and 9 in Cincinnati are "bargain days" for those seeking new operating ideas. The program in detail for these two sessions has been sent to you in a separate mailing and therefore will not be repeated here. If you have entertained any doubt as to the value of coming to Cincinnati, a careful preview of the program for the Operating Men's Sessions should prompt you to immediately make reservations.

Come one-come all! to the Gay Nineties Party at 6:30 on Monday evening. To this gala affair everyone present at the Convention is most cordially invited. In an atmosphere of the nostalgic nineties and with excellent entertainment appropriate to that frolicsome period, you will have the time of your life. An old fashioned German dinner will be served at the tables during and after which there will be entertainment features and dancing. Plan to be with us on Monday night.

The general session on Tuesday morning will open with a report on percentage depletion by Russell Rarey, Chairman of the NCSA Percentage Depletion Committee, following which John F. Lane, of Gall, Lane and Howe, General Counsel for the Association, will discuss the Washington scene and the legislative outlook as related to the new Congress which convenes early in January.

Some time ago there was established in the New York Metropolitan area the Concrete Industry Board whose principal purpose is to improve the quality of concrete. Unique plans for accomplishing this desirable objective are now well under way. Roger H. Corbetta, Chairman of the Concrete Industry Board, and President of the Corbetta Construction Company of New York, will address us on this interesting and important subject.

The Tuesday morning session will be concluded with a feature address entitled "Crises Still Make Our Foreign Policy." With the United States inescapably involved in world affairs, this subject becomes increasingly important. Our speaker will be William G. Hetherington, news analyst and foreign correspondent for the Newark News. Mr. Hetherington is a top-flight foreign correspondent, intimately acquainted with Europe and the Middle-East. As a story teller par excellence, his observations should prove both entertaining and informative, so be sure to hear this distinguished reporter who has made many noteworthy television appearances, including "Meet the Press," "Quizzing the News," "American Forum of the Air," and several others.

The stellar attraction for salesmen will be presented on Wednesday morning following brief reports by the Chairmen of several important NCSA Committees.

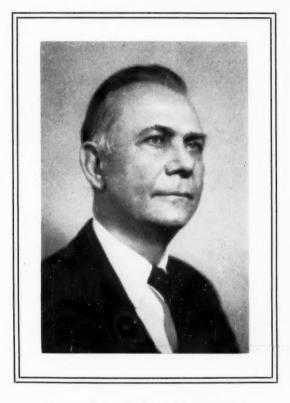
"Selling Against Resistance" will be presented in humorous and dramatic form by that incomparable team of sales analysts, Richard C. Borden, and Alvin C. Busse. Through their unique ability to dramatize, humorize, and humanize sales techniques, they demonstrate in a highly entertaining manner, sound sales principles. No one attending this Cincinnati meeting can afford to miss this program feature.

At the General Luncheon on Wednesday, winners of the NCSA Safety Contest will be accorded public recognition for their outstanding achievements in going through the contest year without a lost time accident. The Explosive Engineer Award will be presented to the winner, and certificates of honorable mention also provided through the courtesy of the Explosives Engineer will be awarded each plant making a perfect record. Officiating at the presentation ceremony will be J. J. Forbes, Director of the United States Bureau of Mines, under whose auspices the contest is conducted.

The luncheon address will be made by the Honorable Harold Caldwell Kessinger. It is said that Judge Kessinger is the greatest combination of humorist and orator on the American platform. Speaking on the subject "The Sunny Side of Main Street," his droll humor and homely philosophy, are certain to be highly entertaining.

In view of the increasing tonnages of crushed stone which are going into asphaltic types of highway construction, crushed stone producers should be very much interested in the activities of the Asphalt Institute. This organization has taken two significant steps during the past year, looking towards the expansion of its work, particularly with regard to a stepped up research and development program. On July 1, 1954, J. E. Buchanan, formerly President of

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# Otho McCarroll Graves 1882=1954

THO M. Graves has journeyed into that land from which no traveler returns. Deeply shocked and saddened by his sudden and unexpected death, the National Crushed Stone Association and his host of friends throughout the crushed stone industry have lost a most valued friend and counselor. Over the past thirty years his gracious yet forceful personality and far-sighted vision gave strength and effectiveness to the crushed stone industry of the United States. His accomplishments in behalf of the industry and its Association, which he loved so well, will be his enduring monument.

His most important contribution outside his own company was to the industry of which he was a part. His early efforts did much to effectuate and promote the solidarity of crushed stone producers and to give substance and dignity to the crushed stone industry.

He served as President of the National Crushed Stone Association for four years, 1925-1928, an honor of unusual distinction. It was during his administration, and largely through his efforts, that in 1925 the Bureau of Engineering was created and the headquarters of the Association was moved to Washington, D. C., followed in 1928 by the establishment of a research laboratory. In 1926 he was

granted leave of absence from his company for several weeks to tour the country in the interest of obtaining wider financial support for the Association and its

After retiring as President, his interest in the Association continued to increase rather than diminish. During his long career of active participation in Association affairs he gave generously of his time and talents, serving on many important Association policy committees. Especially noteworthy is the outstanding contribution he made over the years to the success of the annual conventions as Chairman of the Convention Arrangements Committee.

As a member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, he never wavered in the belief that the aims and ambitions of the Association could be realized, and it was through his faithful, loyal, and constant efforts that so much has become a reality.

The crushed stone industry is deeply indebted to Otho Graves for the many years of sacrifice and devotion which he gave so unselfishly in its behalf. It is with a deep sense of grief in our hearts that the National Crushed Stone Association records the passing of a man whose accomplishments will remain a lasting tribute to his memory.

# The Stone Industry—A Fifty-Year Review

By J. R. THOENEN

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THE title of this article will induce various pictures in the reader's mind, depending upon which branch of the stone industry interests him.

There are various ways in which the industry may be and has been classified—by kinds of stone such as granite (including all igneous rocks), marble, limestone, sandstone, and miscellaneous; by type or condition, such as cut or dimension stone versus crushed and broken stone; or by uses, such as monumental, building, aggregate, chemical, metallurgical, ballast, and many others.

For the purpose of this article, the type classification is used, namely, crushed and broken stone as distinguished from stone cut to accurate or semi-accurate dimensions for monumental or building purposes. Rubble has been grouped with dimension stone in statistical records, but, as some of the stone so classified is produced by crushed stone operators, it is included here. A considerable tonnage of crushed stone is used in the manufacture of cement and lime, but since this does not enter the market as stone it is excluded from the author's crushed and broken classification.

At the beginning of the century records of stone production were kept on the basis of value at the quarry without recording the tonnage produced. An exception is furnace flux, for which tonnage records are available as far back as 1902. In 1900 the total recorded value of stone production was, in round numbers, \$37,000,000, of which \$21,500,000 represented cut or dimension stone and \$15,500,000 crushed and broken stone. In 1950 the total value had increased over tenfold to \$391,000,000; however, roughly \$58,000,000 represented dimension stone and \$333,000,000 crushed and broken stone.

The classification "crushed and broken stone" has emerged from a minor component of the stone industry in 1900 to nearly six times the value of dimension stone in 1950 (Figure 1). A similar comparison based on tonnage produced shows an even wider divergence (Figure 2).

This article deals with a vital and growing industry exceeded, in tonnage produced, only by crude petroleum, bituminous coal, and sand and gravel industries.

# History: Distribution and Organization

The beginning of the stone industry is lost in antiquity, actually predating written history by thousands of years, as evidenced by Stone Age artifacts authenticated by archeologists.

The introduction of lime and Roman cement enabled man to utilize stone to better advantage in the construction of shelters. This marked the emergence of the dimension stone industry. Later, the discovery of portland cement permitted the use of irregularly shaped stone particles in concrete. Dimension stone for building purposes was largely displaced by portland cement and suitable concrete aggregates.

The invention of the automobile and the consequent public demand for better highways was an added incentive to the increased use of concrete and crushed stone.

The fact that stone has been produced in all of the 48 states illustrates the widespread distribution of the industry.

The year-by-year growth of the industry is illustrated in Figure 1. Total values are shown for stone produced since 1900, but figures for total tonnages are available only since 1916.

Table I shows the widespread distribution of the industry among the several states and territories for the years 1949 and 1950; these figures include dimension stone. Table II gives the distribution by size of plant (exclusive of noncommercial producers) for 1941 and 1950.

An appreciable tonnage of stone is produced by noncommercial producers, as governmental agencies producing on their own account or through contractual relations with others. Figure 3 shows the relative production by commercial and noncommercial producers since 1935.

In Table III the production of crushed and broken stone has been broken down to show the quantities produced for various uses in 1926 and 1950 for comparison.

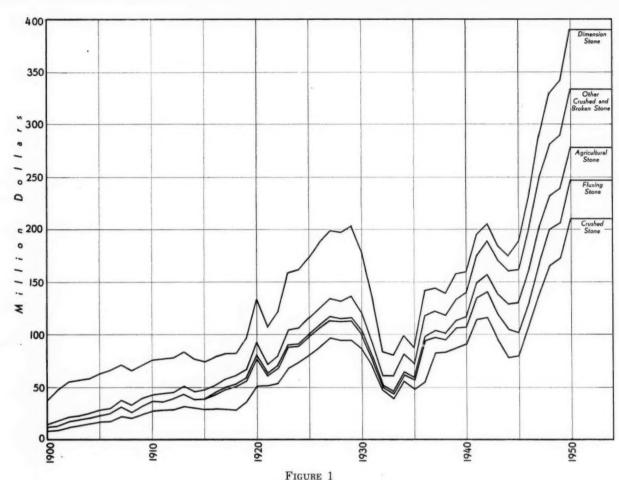
Figure 4 shows the value of crushed and broken stone produced since 1900 and the tonnage produced since 1916.

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} TABLE I \\ STONE PRODUCTION IN THE UNITED STATES, 1949–50 \\ \end{tabular}$ 

	194	19	195	50
State	Short Tons	Value	Short Tons	Value
labama	2,636,930	\$6,039,867	2,587,500	\$6,038,220
rizona	356,050	203,295	228,490	139,810
rkansas	1 1 270 250	2,247,236	3,952,720	
alifornia	1 1,279,250 11,373,700	12,594,048	11 704 600	7,419,110
	11,373,700	12,004,040	11,764,630	13,998,432
olorado	1,816,790	2,803,538	1,679,960	2,776,331
onnecticut	1,695,650	2,460,547	1,860,700	1 2,789,532
elaware	37,240	92,100	77,050	190,113
orida	4,215,090	4,748,253	5,313,400	6,885,394
eorgia	4,156,220	18,427,627	6,144,980	111,917,482
laho	1,440,680	1,878,801	1 644,020	1 861,290
linois	17,054,110	20,682,162	17,911,480	21,970,537
idiana	16,332,360	1 15,227,818	6,994,670	20,686,160
wa	6,831,190	8,663,201	18,425,490	1 10,668,427
ansas	5,978,420	17,951,490	7,630,300	8,920,20
entucky	7,100,160	8,586,402	7,417,200	8,865,913
ouisiana	2	2	2	2
Iaine	258,810	2,025,870	1 309,740	1 2,214,164
Iaryland	1 1,789,830	1 3,036,410	1,975,690	3,459,60
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Iassachusetts	2,290,940	6,552,935	1 3,284,470	18,484,999
lichigan	16,546,670	13,387,334	19,095,540	15,391,366
Innesota	1,878,910	5,278,716	1,953,450	1 5,334,028
Iississippi	2	2	100,000	115,000
lissouri	9,562,720	13,969,008	10,300,400	14,406,627
Iontana	1 602,890	1 563,465	919,090	949,54
ebraska	1 504,870	1 840,758	1 736,660	1 1,042,03
levada	518,510	668.960	1 274 .460	1 269 .478
lew Hampshire	6,910	381,141	1 15,760	1 383,667
New Jersey	4,070,790	7,896,619	4,672,050	9.119.251
lew Mexico	138,290	106,135	364,930	243,841
lew York	13,022,070	18,160,387	13,121,850	19,728,957
North Carolina	6,225,290	10,077,976	7,711,580	11,894,74
North Dakota	0,220,230	10,011,910	193,250	135,698
	1 10 964 990	1 07 410 150		28,628,678
hio	1 19,364,230	1 27,419,158	20,466,350	
klahoma	4,341,930	4,027,409	5,021,660	4,848,223
regon	$^{1}4,397,390$	6,479,164	3,836,550	5,559,010
ennsylvania	21,226,480	34,855,664	25,493,230	42,205,691
hode Island	1 74,670	451,029	239,400	798,186
outh Carolina	2,440,540	1 3,628,596	1 2,557,510	1 3,836,050
outh Dakota	1,023,710	4,473,432	1,205,910	4,860,858
'ennessee	7,613,530	1 13,026,948	7,978,590	13,802,288
exas	4,158,430	5,289,647	4.893.150	5,580,463
[tah	283,020	427,418	929,410	880,66
ermont	441,770	8,276,287	447,310	8,038,89
irginia	7,509,740	12,442,765	9,272,740	16,434,60
Vashington	3,688,890	4,105,516	4,930,820	5,734,56
Vast Virginia	4,854,590	6.960.191	5,367,510	17,825,65
Vest Virginia	7,326,710	13,636,020		14,494,750
VisconsinVyoming	1,802,580	2,227,096	6,999,630	2,214,03
ndistributed	2,279,200	6,163,877	$1,841,400 \\ 1,701,560$	4,867,95
Total	222 540 550	999 449 949	250 044 040	
	222,548,750	339,442,316	250,844,240	387,910,53
laska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico	1,477,820	1,999,329	1,268,810	2,671,55
Grand Total	224,026,570	341,441,645	252,113,050	390,582,09

 $<sup>^{\</sup>scriptscriptstyle \parallel}$  To avoid disclosing confidential information certain state totals are incomplete, the portion not included being combined with "Undistributed"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Included with "Undistributed"



Value of Stone Production, by Uses

Figures 1 to 4 and Tables I to III have been presented to emphasize the wide geographic distribution of the industry, the range in capacity of producing plants, the variety of uses for which crushed and broken stone is produced, and the development of the industry.

# Geology

Since the beginning of the study of rocks, geologists and mineralogists have recognized that rocks forming the crust of the earth can be divided into two great, sharply contrasted groups, namely, "igneous" and "sedimentary." To these has been added a third group, the rocks of which may exhibit characteristics of both the other groups. The third group is termed "metamorphic."

The first rock formations to appear were igneous. These solidified by cooling from molten magmas. As they solidified or froze they were subjected to the disintegrating effect of expansive and contractive phenomena caused by alternating degrees of heat and cold, penetration of moisture through incipient or open cracks, direct solution of the contained minerals, or combinations of these agents.

The disintegrated particles carried by streams or rivers to lakes or ocean bottoms were deposited as separate particles or chemical precipitates. Under pressure of sea water and overlying solids, and/or cementation from chemical action, the loose particles were indurated to form the strata of sedimentary rocks.

Subsequent mountain building forces within the

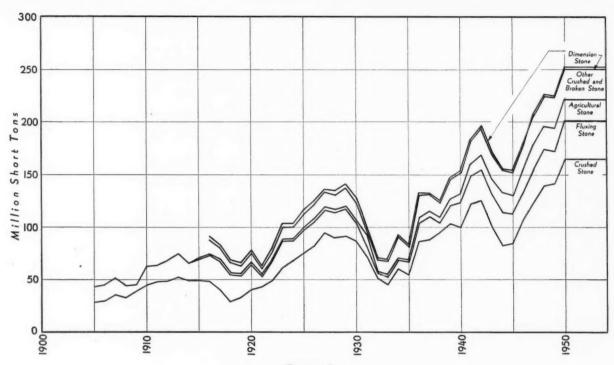


FIGURE 2 Production of Stone, by Uses

TABLE II COMPARISON OF NUMBER AND PRODUCTION OF COMMERCIAL CRUSHED-STONE PLANTS IN THE UNITED STATES, 1941-50, BY SIZE GROUPS

Size Group,				1941 1				1950 °					
Annual		Plants		Prod	duction		Plants		Production				
Production, Short Tons	Number	Per cent of Total	Cumula- tive Per cent	Tons	Per cent of Total	Cumula- tive Per cent	Number	Per cent of Total	Cumula- tive Per cent	Tons	Per cent of Total	Cumula tive Per cent	
Less than 1,000	141	8.1	8.1	99,460	.07	.07	49	3.0	3.0	22,950	.01	.0	
1,000-25,000	805	46.4	54.5	7,639,860	5.34	5.41	471	29.1	32.1	5,044,040	2.20	2.2	
25,000-50,000 50,000-75,000	254 141	14.7 8.1	69.2 77.3	$8,893,690 \\ 8,655,220$	6.22	11.63 17.68	$\frac{251}{185}$	15.5 11.4	47.6 59.0	9,190,720 $11,387,660$	4.03	6.2	
75,000-100,000	82	4.7	82.0	7,125,430	4.97	22.65	140	8.6	67.6	12,058,880	5.26	16.4	
100,000-200,000	147	8.5	90.5	21,549,890	15.07	37.72	236	14.6	82.2	33,563,530	14.66	31.1	
200,000-300,000	58	3.3	93.8	14,235,700	9.95	47.67	103	6.4	88.6	25,020,380	10.92	42.0	
300,000-400,000	39	2.2	96.0	13,556,340	9.47	57.14	72	4.4	93.0	24,903,960	10.88	52.9	
400,000-500,000	29	1.7	97.7	13,139,480	9.18	66.32	31	1.9	94.9	13,852,520	6.05	58.9	
500,000-600,000	7	.4	98.1	3,850,070	2.68	69.00	15	.9	95.8	8,346,320	3.64	62.6	
600,000-700,000	5	.3	98.4	3,243,550	2.27	71.27	15	.9	96.7	9,593,000	4.19	66.8	
700,000-800,000	6	.3	98.7	4,494,440	3.14	74.41	12	.7	97.4	9,042,710	3.95	70.7	
800,000-900,000	4	.2	98.9	3,367,900	2.35	76.76	10	.6	98.0	8,753,870	3.82	74.5	
900,000 and over	19	1.1	100.0	33,186,870	23.24	100.00	32	2.0	100.0	58,208,790	25.42	100.0	
	1,737	100.0		143,037,900	100.00		1,622	100.0		228,989,330	100.00		

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}$  Average annual production per plant, 82,300  $^{\rm 2}$  Average annual production per plant, 141,200

TABLE III

# CRUSHED AND BROKEN STONE PRODUCED IN THE UNITED STATES 1926 AND 1950, BY PRINCIPAL USES

		1926			1950		
Use	Thousand	Va	lue	Thousand	Va	lue	Change in Unit Value,
	Short Tons	Thousand Dollars	Per Ton	Short Tons	Thousand Dollars	Per Ton	per cent
Concrete and road metal Railroad ballast Metallurgical Alkali works Riprap Rubble Agricultural Refractory Asphalt filler Calcium carbide Sugar factories Glass factories Paper mills Other uses		,	\$1.12 .82 .76 .66 1.15 1.70 1.66 1.25 3.40 .66	147,108 18,614 35,970 6,174 6,898 247 19,349 2,158 750 718 770 432 10,563	192,294 17,520 37,932 5,870 7,807 615 30,393 5,849 2,778 1,608 1,721 942 26,621	\$1.31 .94 1.05 .95 1.13 2.49 1.57 2.71 3.70 1.04 2.24 2.24 2.18	+ 17 + 18 + 38 + 44 - 2 + 46 - 1 + 117 + 58
Total	120,748	125,405	. 1.04	250,501	332,733	1.33	+ 28
Cement manufactureLime manufacture	41,974 9,121			59,361 14,980			

earth caused displacement of sea and land masses. These movements set up enormous stresses which crushed the minerals of igneous and sedimentary rocks and, in some instances, stretched them out in bands and layers resembling the beds or strata of sedimentaries. The intense heat of igneous intrusions through or parallel with sedimentary strata so altered the latter near the contact that it is often difficult to distinguish them from the intrusive. Again, sedimentary rocks buried to great depths beneath igneous flows and subjected to consequent pressure and heat in the presence of migrating moisture became crystallized into new chemical combinations. Thus, the third group or metamorphic rock was formed.

The Bureau of Mines statistical reports classify rocks (or stone) as granite, basalt (or related rocks), marble, limestone, sandstone, and other stone. These subdivisions are not strictly in accord with geologic or mineralogic data but rather represent rough commercial classifications based largely on early dimension stone usage.

Table IV shows the value of production by kinds of stone for 1900 and 1950. These figures include all types of stone, as dimension, crushed and broken, etc.

Although the production of granite and sandstone

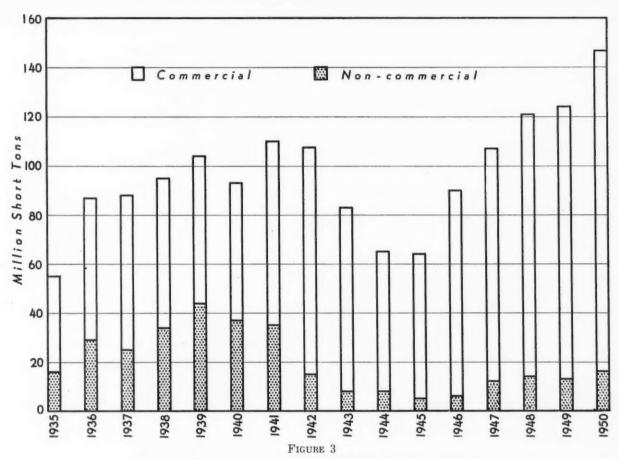
has increased fourfold or more, each has decreased percentagewise. Whereas marble has decreased two-thirds and other stone has little more than held its own, limestone has increased from 47 to 65 per cent of total production.

# Mining

Two general processes are used in mining crushed and broken stone—open quarry and underground mining. Each of these methods can be further divided into a number of subdivisions. Thus, underground stone mines may be entered by adits (tunnels) or by inclined or vertical shafts. Mining may be by room and pillar, shrinkage stoping, underhand stoping, glory hole, or sublevel stoping. Open quarries may be entered on the level or through rising or declining slopes. Their operation is similar except that one may be on level ground, another on a hillside, and the third below the surrounding land surface.

# UNDERGROUND

Underground mining requires most, if not all, of the tools and methods used by the mining engineer in recovering metallic ores or nonmetallic minerals from underground deposits. In fact, the under-



Crushed Stone for Concrete and Road Metal Sold or Used by Commercial and Non-commercial Operators in the United States

ground quarryman has adapted for his use many of the mining methods developed and perfected for metallic mines. In addition, he has developed methods of his own and applied them advantageously.

The first underground mine opened in the United States for the mining of stone was that of the Lowmoor Iron Co., at Lowmoor, Va., in 1883.¹ Bulletin 262 also gives the underground production of limestone as compared with that from open quarries for 1900 as 105,000 short tons compared with 5,838,000 short tons in 1924. The underground production was 0.3 per cent in 1900 and 4.5 per cent in 1924. In 1948 the underground production of limestone had increased to 14,600,000 short tons, or nearly 9 per cent of the total limestone produc-

tion. Comparative figures for later years are not available.

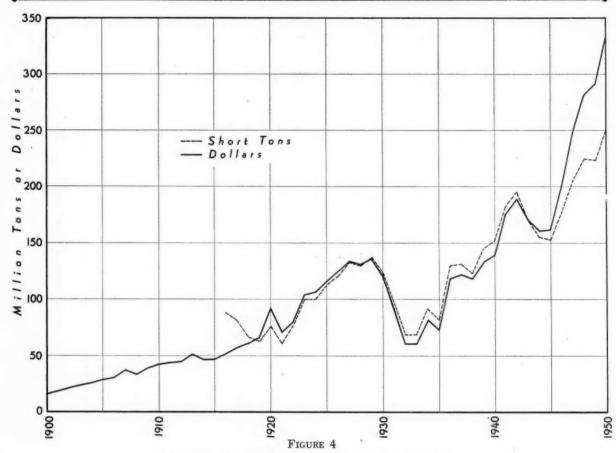
The underground mining of crushed and broken stone has been confined almost entirely to limestone. However, marble for dimension stone is being mined underground, and sandstone is being mined for silica.

Many underground stone mines were started by driving into the sides of open quarries when the expense of overburden removal had become too great. On the other hand, a number of these operations were initiated by sinking inclined or vertical shafts to reach deep-seated limestone beds.

# OPEN QUARRIES

Surface quarry operations in general follow the same pattern as at the beginning of the century in that they are horizontally advanced faces opened

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Thoenen, J. R., Underground Limestone Mining; Bureau of Mines Bulletin 262, 1926



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in a hillside or below the level of the surrounding surface.

Details of operation, however, have altered tremendously. The early steam shovel and light railway for removing overburden have given way to internal combustion or electric powered shovels mounted on caterpillar traction and to motor trucks. In some instances, self-propelled carryalls do the entire job.

Quarry piston drills mounted on tripods have been replaced by high speed wagon-mounted ham-

mer drills. Churn drills are finding competition with large hammer drills or self-propelled rotary drills.

Blasting methods have changed with the knowledge gained by study of the effect of quarry vibrations on adjacent buildings. This study was initiated by the Bureau of Mines<sup>2</sup> but has been greatly intensified by industry research. As a result of this research, millisecond delay blasting of quarry shots

TABLE IV
VALUE OF STONE PRODUCED, BY KINDS, IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS

Year	Granite	Basalt	Marble	Sandstone	Limestone	Other	Total
1900	\$10,969	\$ 1,706	\$ 4,267	\$ 5,273	\$ 20,354	\$ 1,198	\$ 43,767
1950	52,221	34,373	10,932	23,787	252,756	16,514	390,582

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Thoenen, J. R., and Windes, S. L., Seismic Effects of Quarry Blasting; Bureau of Mines Bulletin 442, 1942

has reduced vibration and permitted operation of many quarries that otherwise would have been closed by litigation as a public nuisance. Millisecond delay blasting has been effective also in reducing the need for secondary blasting of oversize material produced in primary shooting.

Quarry haulage to the crushing and screening plant has been modernized by substituting autotrucks for horse and wagon or light railway haulage.

# Milling

The average stone producer does not consider his mining problem distinct from his milling problem, as does the operator of a metal mine. The "mining" and "milling" of stone are merely component parts of a single operation. Nevertheless, the ore dresser can learn much by studying the modern stone crushing and screening plant.

The present design of crushing equipment was developed largely by manufacturers working with stone producers. The same thing is true of the design of screening equipment.

Early in the century much of the stone was marketed as "quarry run"; today it has to be screened to specific sizes, with designated top and bottom limits, or in various combinations of sizes, each with its top and bottom limits and the whole within rather strict fineness modulus limitations. Moreover, many specifications require definite limits on so-called flat or elongated particles.

The multiplicity of specifications which the established stationary plant has had to meet to satisfy design engineers has forced many operators to stockpile specific sizes and reclaim and blend them percentagewise to meet the various combinations required.

As markets for crushed stone, particularly in the construction of highways, have extended beyond the normal reach of established quarry operations, highway contractors have demanded and equipment manufacturers have designed and built portable crushing and screening plants of various capacities. These plants are well suited to small quarries in that they can be adjusted to produce stone that will meet the specifications of a particular job and when that job has been completed can be moved to another quarry, and by fairly simple changes made suitable for supplying material that will meet another set of specifications.

# Byproducts

In the early days the operator of a limestone quarry sent to waste piles most, if not all, of his production that passed a 1/2 in. screen. Today a large part of this material, plus much more purposely reduced to this size, is marketed as agricultural limestone. Agricultural limestone may therefore be considered a byproduct of the crushed and broken stone industry.

In late years there has been an increasing demand for artificial sand made by crushing, grinding, sizing, and reblending various sizes into a material to be used in place of natural sand as a fine aggregate.

Some producers are even seriously considering the recovery of heavy minerals from their very fine waste sludges.

### Substitutes

Sand and gravel and crushed slag are active competitors of crushed and broken stone. Pumice is occasionally used as a coarse aggregate where light weight or high temperature resistance is a requisite.

Substitute coarse and fine aggregates have been successfully prepared from calcined clay or shale.

Where light weight is a requisite, a rather wide choice of expanded materials is available for both coarse and fine aggregate.

Tailings from ore dressing operations and slag from smelters and blast furnaces are common sources of both coarse and fine aggregate. A number of large metal mines process waste tailings for lucrative sale in the aggregate market.

It would be interesting to know what effect the use of competitive and substitute materials has had on the crushed stone market; however, production figures are not sufficiently complete to permit of this determination.

Table V shows the production and value of crushed stone, sand, gravel, and slag for concrete and road metal and railway ballast for 1938 and 1950.

A study of the table shows an increase of each item in 1950 over the corresponding item in 1938, as could be expected. However, this one point is the only parallelism. For example, total material for both uses increased from 274 to 530 million tons, or 93 per cent. Compared on this basis, crushed stone and gravel lagged behind, with increases of 74 and 85 per cent, respectively, whereas sand and slag increased 142 and 156 per cent, respectively. A similar variation may be noted in the use for con-

TABLE V

# COMPARISON OF MAJOR CONSTITUENTS USED IN CONCRETE AGGREGATE, ROAD METAL, AND RAILWAY BALLAST

(Thousands of Tons and Thousands of Dollars)

Type	Concrete and Road Metal		Railway	Ballast	Total		
	Short Tons	Value	Short Tons	Value	Short Tons	Value	
938: Stone Sand Gravel Slag	88,787 48,476 114,975 5,484	\$84,212 24,541 49,318 5,105	5,976 786 8,194 1,510	\$4,555 213 2,255 796	94,763 49,262 123,169 6,994	\$88,767 24,754 51,573 5,901	
Total	257,722	163,176	16,466	7,818	274,188	170,995	
950: Stone Sand Gravel Slag	145,984 118,285 218,870 13,484	189,867 91,230 161,177 17,666	18,609 902 9,451 4,435	17,513 424 5,249 3,967	164,593 119,187 228,321 17,919	207,380 91,654 166,426 21,633	
Total	496,623	459,940	33,397	27,153	530,020	487,093	

crete and road metal—crushed stone registered a gain of 64 per cent, gravel 90 per cent, and sand and slag 144 and 146 per cent, respectively.

For use as railway ballast, however, crushed stone increased 211 per cent compared to 194 per cent for slag and 15 per cent each for sand and gravel.

A comparison of the unit values per ton shows that the average for all constituents and all uses rose from 62 cents in 1938 to 92 cents in 1950, or 48 per cent. During the same period the unit value for crushed stone used in concrete and road metal gained 37 per cent, slag 41 per cent, sand 52 per cent, and gravel 72 per cent. For railway ballast the unit value for stone gained 24 per cent, slag 68 per cent, sand 74 per cent, and gravel 102 per cent.

In relative volume, computations from the table will show that stone lost by roughly 5 per cent to sand, gravel, and slag for use as concrete and road metal but gained 19 per cent for use as railway ballast, with a total over-all loss of 3 1/2 per cent.

### Reserves

United States reserves of stone suitable for the crushed and broken stone market may be considered nearly limitless only if economic considerations are ignored. The reserves of many local quarries may be quite limited owing to encroachment of housing or for other reasons. The markets for crushed stone are limited economically to relatively short delivery distances, to competitive areas, to areas of con-

struction or repair and maintenance, and by stringent quality requirements. Locally, reserves that meet economic requirements may be quite limited.

Figure 5 shows the relatively high percentage of crushed and broken stone moved by trucks, which suggests the short-haul market range. How ever, this cannot be considered accurate because considerable quantities of aggregates have been shipped by water from New England quarries to Florida markets.

# Uses

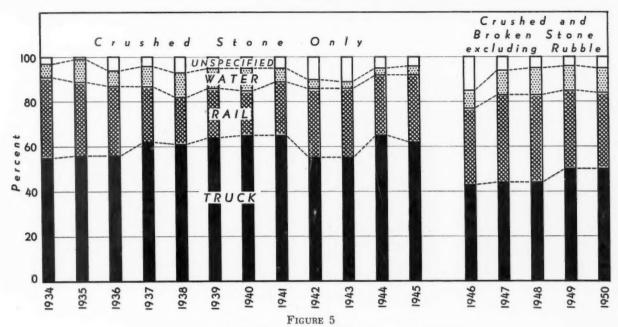
Table III shows the widespread uses for which stone is marketed. The item "Other Uses," as shown in the table, could be broken down into a multitude of minor uses, supplied principally by limestone producers.

# Production, Consumption, and Foreign Trade

To illustrate the relationship between the crushed and broken stone industry and other industries, Figures 6, 7, and 8 are presented.

Figure 6 shows the close parallelism between the production of pig iron and flux stone and the tonnage of stone used per ton of pig iron.

Figure 7 compares the value of crushed stone production with the cost of road construction. It will be noted that these two graphs cross in 1937 and again in 1947. Also, prior to 1937 the two are not consistently parallel. These graphs indicate that although the crushed stone business has a large



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stake in the progress of highway construction, it also has other outlets, as illustrated by comparison of the two graphs for the period 1925 to 1930 and the period 1940 to 1945. The interrelationship is again evident by the fact that crushed stone production follows rapidly rising highway expenditures, 1945 to 1950.

Figure 8 shows the parallelism between the value of crushed stone production and that of total construction in the United States.

TABLE VI
STONE IMPORTS, EXCLUSIVE OF MONUMENTAL OR BUILDING

Year	Item	Short Tons	Value	Value Per Tor
1941	"Rough"	58,662	\$38,629	\$ .49
1942	. "	41,455	30,767	.74
1943	66	41,280	31,957	.77
1944	46	46,031	40,590	.88
1945	"	52,567	52,287	1.00
1946	66	33,727	59,316	1.76
1947	66	43,774	81,831	1.88
1948	44	43,590	100,612	2.29
1949	66	52,258	122,417	2.34
1950	44	55,317	124.817	2.26

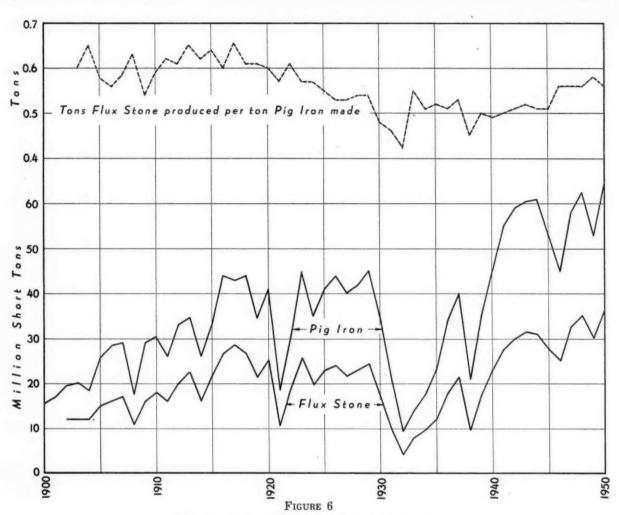
Table VI presents the tonnage and value of stone imported into the United States, exclusive of monumental or building stone. It is doubtful if these imports materially affect the market for domestic crushed or broken stone. The imported stone is primarily limestone imported from Canada for flux, road base, and riprap.

The exports of stone are negligible.

# Prices and Costs

The values of crushed and broken stone for various uses, as given in Table III, are the values at the plant as reported by the producer to the Bureau of Mines. The price the consumer must pay will depend upon the cost of transportation from plant to consumer and the proportion of such delivery expense that the producer is willing to absorb to meet competition or to keep his plant running during a slack period. For these reasons, selling prices may reflect only casual relationship to values at the plant.

It is interesting to compare the plant values per ton for the two years 1926 and 1950 as given in Table III and emphasized by the per cent changes in the last column.



Relation of Flux Stone to Pig Iron Production

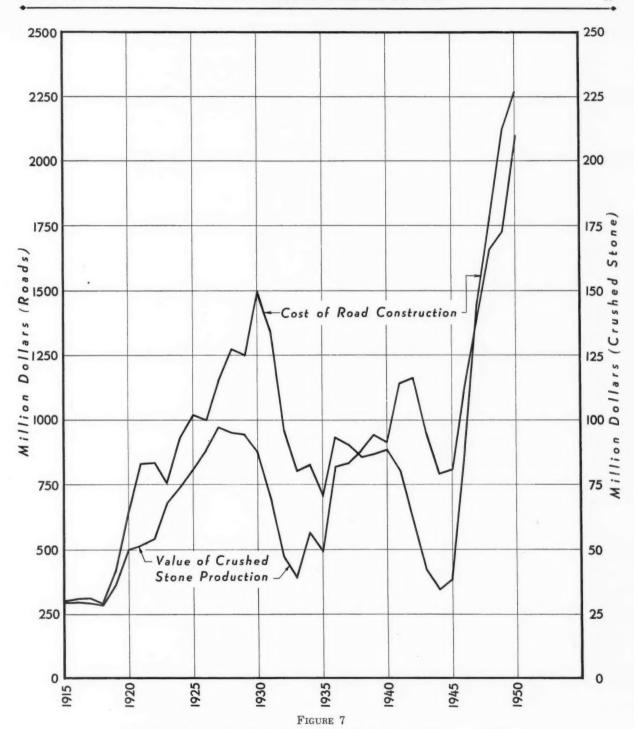
Of the large tonnage uses, concrete and road metal and railroad ballast have increased only 17 and 15 per cent, respectively, in unit value at plant. Riprap has lost by 2 per cent and agricultural stone by 5 per cent. On the other hand, metallurgical stone (flux) gained 38 per cent, and alkali works and rubble 44 and 46 per cent, respectively. Refractory stone seems to have made the greatest gain (117 per cent).

When one considers that in terms of 1939 values the dollar was worth 79 cents in 1926 and only 56 cents in 1950, it is evident that the plant values in 1950 would have to advance nearly 30 per cent to hold their own. It appears, then, that stone

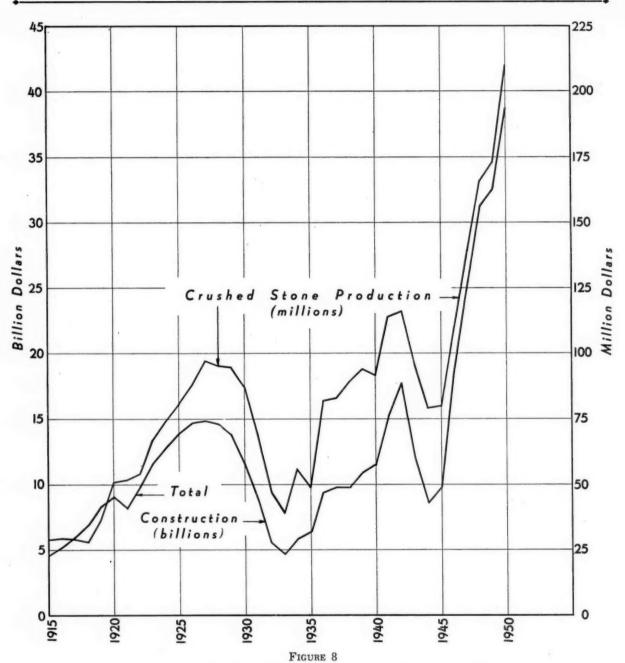
supplied for only five of the uses enumerated has gained in value based on 1939 dollars. Actually, the advance for total stone value was only 28 per cent; hence, there has been no over-all gain based on a constant dollar value in these 25 years.

# Conservation

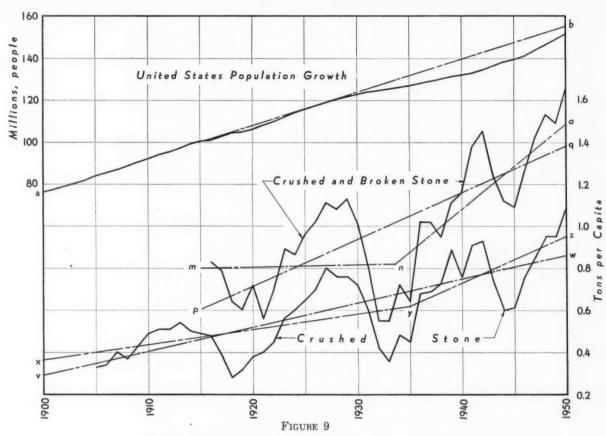
There has been little need for conservation in the stone industries. The supply has been adequate, with the possible exception of those plants located on deposits within or on the edges of growing municipalities. In a sense, conservation has been practiced by some operators so located in that they have procured portable plants and set them up on



Relation of the Value of Crushed Stone Production (Bureau of Mines) to the Cost of Highways, Roads, and Streets (Bureau of Census)



Comparison of the Value of Crushed Stone Production in Millions (Bureau of Mines) With Total Value of All Construction in Billions (Bureau of Census)



Production Per Capita for Crushed and Broken Stone Compared to Population Growth

deposits in the field nearer highway or other contracts that they would otherwise have supplied from their city plant. This could be construed as conservation of the city deposits for city markets.

# Significant Trends

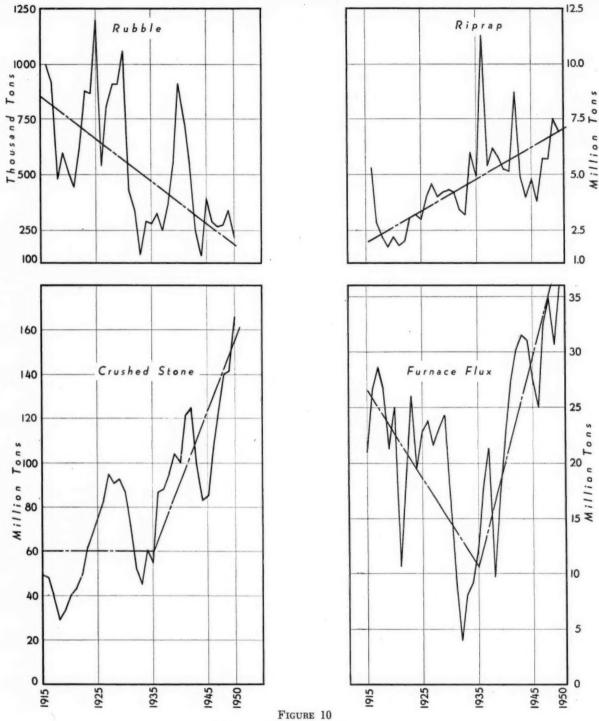
Figure 9 compares stone production with population increase. The top curve represents population growth as reported by the Census Bureau. The straight or "trend" line was added by the author. As may be noted, population growth fell below the trend line in 1930, but by 1952 it had recovered.

The middle curve represents the production of crushed and broken stone since 1916 and the bottom curve, the production of crushed stone alone since 1905. Both curves representing crushed and broken stone and crushed stone only are quite erratic from year to year, indicating clearly that population

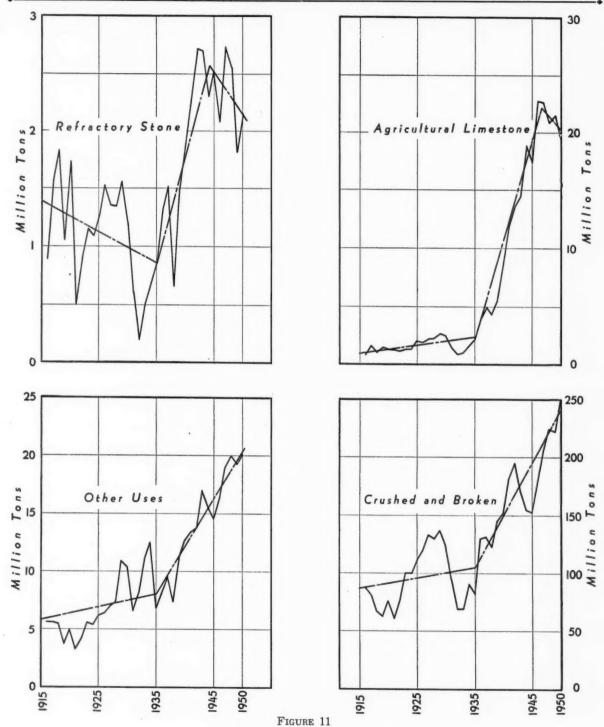
growth alone is not a major prerequisite for expansion of the stone industries.

Dashed lines pq and vw drawn through these curves represent mathematically calculated trend lines from 1916 to 1950 and 1905 to 1950. As may be noted, the slope of line pq is steeper than the slope of line ab, the population trend line. On the other hand, the slope of line vw is flatter than ab. The inference to be drawn here is that the crushed and broken stone industry (line pq) during the period 1916 to 1950 has expanded at a greater rate than population. Line vw, however, indicates that the crushed stone industry, when considered alone, has not kept pace with population growth.

If these curves are broken into two component parts at 1935 and the trend lines are recalculated, dotted line *mno* is nearly flat from 1916 to 1935 but very steep from 1935 to 1950.



Production by Uses, Short Tons



Production by Uses, Short Tons

Line xyz, representing crushed stone, shows a similar trend, except that this line is not as flat as mn from 1905 to 1935 and not as steep as no from 1935 to 1950. However, line yz is slightly steeper than ab.

The over-all inference is that the crushed and broken stone industry is expanding at a faster rate than population growth since 1935.

Figures 10 and 11 show production curves for the different types of crushed and broken stone. The dotted lines superimposed are approximate trend lines but are not mathematically calculated; these trends, however, are interesting.

Rubble shows a decided downward trend, whereas riprap trends upward just as definitely. The curve for crushed stone is flat to 1935 and then slopes steeply upward. On the other hand, furnace flux fell off rapidly to 1935 and then recovered just as rapidly.

In Figure 11 refractory stone showed a downward trend to 1935 and then picked up rapidly until 1944, when it again slumped. A somewhat similar trend is shown for agricultural stone except that the apparent slump was not noticeable until 1947.

Stone for other uses shows an upward trend to 1935, accelerating after that year. The trend for the total crushed and broken stone industry, while showing little vitality before 1935, shows every evidence of rapid expansion since that year.

Figure 8 illustrates significantly how the stone industry is closely related to the construction industry. While population increase has an indirect

effect in the long run and highway construction and the steel industry lend helping hands, the real indicator of progress in the crushed and broken stone industry is the status of the nation's total construction activity.

In the discussion under "Prices and Costs," it was shown how prices (as expressed by plant values reported to the Bureau of Mines) of stone for most uses have advanced only slightly in the past 25 years, particularly when comparisons are reduced to a constant dollar value. To further illustrate this point, Figure 12 has been drawn. In this figure the plant values of crushed stone have been recalculated to give index values based on the 1926 value as 100.

The solid line shows the index of crushed stone values. The dotted curve represents a price index for building materials, and the dashed line the price index for all commodities.

A study of these curves shows the price index for crushed stone lagging far behind the others.

To further illustrate this phenomenon, the value per short ton for crushed stone is plotted in Figure 13; the dotted curve added was calculated from those values but was based on the 1939 dollar value. This dotted curve actually goes downward while the monetary value goes up from 1941 to 1950.

It appears that the crushed stone industry has been enjoying a healthy growth in recent years but at the expense of price lagging behind prices of other materials in kindred industries.

TABLE VII
TRENDS IN NUMBER AND SIZE OF PLANTS, 1941-50

Size Group, Annual Production,	1	Number of Plant	ts .	Production, Short Tons			
Short Tons	1941	1950	Per cent Change	1941	1950	Per cent Change	
Less than 1,000	141	49	- 65.0	99,460	22,950	- 75.5	
,000-25,000	805	471	- 41.5	7,639,860	5,044,040	-34.0	
25,000-50,000	254	251	- 1.2	8,893,690	9,190,720	+ 3.3	
0,000-75,000	141	185	+ 31.2	8,655,220	11,387,660	+ 31.6	
5,000-100,000	82	140	+ 70.7	7,125,430	12,058,880	+ 69.2	
00,000-200,000	147	236	+ 60.5	21,549,890	33,563,530	+ 55.8	
00,000-300,000	58	103	+ 77.6	14,235,700	25,020,380	+ 75.8	
00,000-400,000	39	72	+ 84.6	13,556,340	24,903,960	+ 83.7	
00,000-500,000	29	31	+ 6.9	13,139,480	13,852,520	+ 5.4	
00,000-600,000	7	15	+ 114.3	3,850,070	8,346,320	+ 116.8	
00,000-700,000	5	15	+ 200.0	3,243,550	9,593,000	+ 195.8	
00,000-800,000	6	12	+ 100.0	4,494,440	9,042,710	+ 101.0	
00,000-900,000	4	10	+ 150.0	3,367,900	8,753,870	+ 160.0	
00,000 and over	19	32	+ 68.4	33,186,870	58,208,790	+ 75.4	
Total	1,737	1,622	- 6.6	143,037,900	228,989,330	+ 60.0	



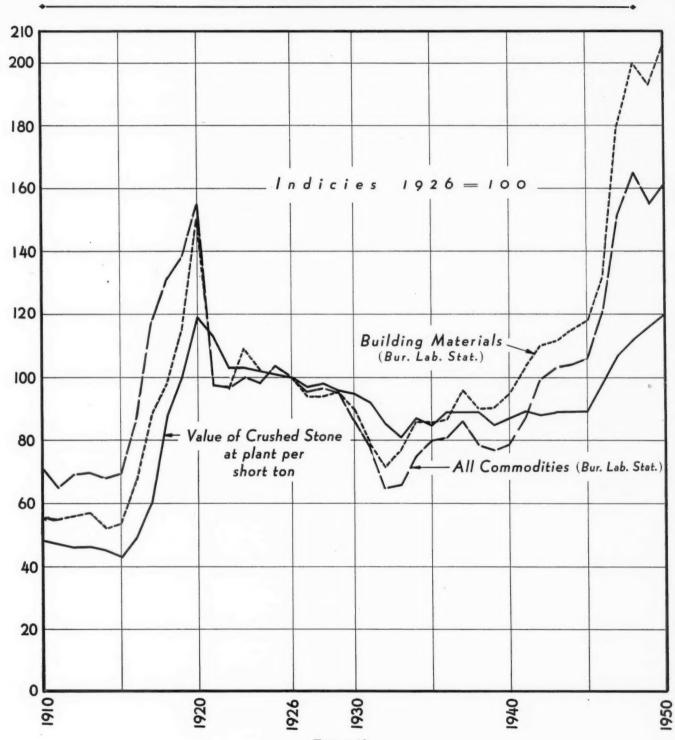


FIGURE 12
Comparison of Price Indices

Obviously, there must be a valid economic reason for this apparent anomaly. Under the heading "Substitutes" it was pointed out that crushed stone had formidable competition from other mineral aggregates. Most of these are lower cost materials than crushed stone, and it may be that the necessity of meeting this competition has been a primary reason for the industry price anomaly.

Table II compares the number of plants and production by size groups for the years 1941 and 1950. Table VII presents the same data but also shows the change in 1950 from 1941 in per cent of 1941 figures. It is of interest to note that:

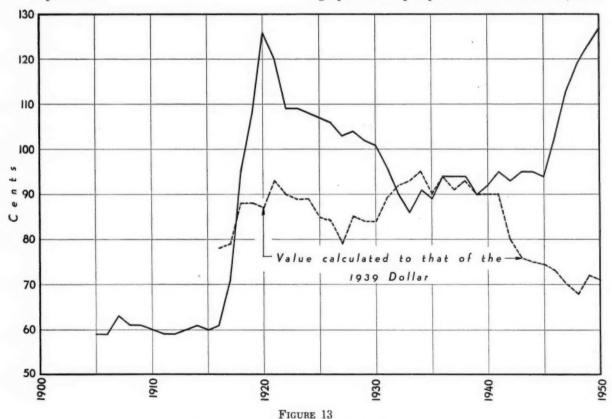
- The total number of commercial plants decreased 6.6 per cent, but this decrease in numbers occurred only in the then lowest categories. Actually, the number of plants in each group above 50,000 tons increased.
- 2. The total production from all plants increased 60 per cent.

3. The average production per plant increased from 82,000 in 1941 to 141,000 tons in 1950, or 72 per cent.

Table II shows that two-thirds of the production during each year came from 97 per cent of the plants. However, in 1941 these plants were in those groups producing less than 500,000 tons annually, whereas in 1950 these plants had increased in size to the 600,000- to 700,000-ton group.

Conversely, one-third of the production in 1941 came from 41 or 2.3 per cent of the plants, while in 1950 the same proportion of the tonnage came from 54 or 3.3 per cent of the plants. Those plants producing this third of the total production averaged 1,174,000 tons per plant in 1941 and 1,400,000 tons per plant in 1950. Hence, not only did the number of plants increase 32 per cent, but the average plant production increased 19 per cent.

In the smaller size group (97 per cent) the average production per plant increased from 56,000 to



Value per Short Ton for Crushed Stone (Bureau of Mines Minerals Yearbook)

97,500 tons, or 74 per cent. In this group there was a decrease of 128 in the number of plants, or 7.5 per cent.

As may be noted from Table VII, the group showing the greatest percentage increase in number of plants and tonnage produced is the 600,000- to 700,000-ton group. However, Table II shows that this group represented less than 1 per cent of the plants and only slightly over 4 per cent of the production in 1950.

The greatest increase appears to be in the four groups ranging from 75,000 to 400,000 tons annually. These four groups comprised 19 per cent of the plants in 1941 and 34 per cent in 1950, and each year they produced roughly 40 per cent of the total production (Table II). It is a rather remarkable coincidence that the average production per plant in this group was the same (173,000 tons) for 1941 and 1950. Moreover, each size group of these four averaged virtually the same tonnage per plant for the two years. Obviously, then, the increased tonnage of these four groups cannot be credited to increased plant production but must be accounted for by increased number of plants.

Further study shows that the four groups ranging in size from 75,000 to 400,000 tons showed an increase in number of plants in 1950 over 1941 of 225 During the same period the four smaller size groups (0 to 75,000) lost 385 plants. There was a total loss in all size groups of 115 plants. This would seem to indicate that roughly the equivalent of 115 plants of the first four groups went out of business, 225 expanded into the 75,000- to 400,000-ton class, and 45 increased from that group to the 400,000- to over 900,000-ton group.

The trend appears to be toward increased plant size, the preferred sizes ranging from an annual production of 75,000 to 400,000 tons.

# Curtiss to Head BPR

Administration of the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads will be taken over on Jan. 1 by Capt. C. D. Curtiss, and F. V. du Pont will resign as Commissioner to become special assistant to the Secretary of Commerce, according to announcement by Mr. du Pont.

Captain Curtiss joined the Bureau in 1919 and has been Deputy Commissioner since 1943.

Mr. du Pont says he will terminate all administrative duties with BPR. He is expected to devote himself to advancing President Eisenhower's highway legislative program.—Road Builders' News

# Quarry Operators to Meet in Cincinnati

(Continued from Page 4)

the University of Idaho, took office as President of the Asphalt Institute, and about the first of the year the organization's offices will be moved to College Park, Maryland, just outside of Washington, D. C., where a greatly expanded research program will be undertaken. It is most timely, therefore, that we have President Buchanan address us on Wednesday afternoon on the subject "The Role of the Asphalt Institute in the Asphalt Paving Industry."

"Human Response to Blast Produced Vibrations" will next be presented by Jules Jenkins, President of Vibration Measurement Engineers in Chicago. Recent developments in this field have been truly startling and should be of growing interest to crushed stone producers. We can expect from Mr. Jenkins an informative and challenging presentation, and during the thirty minute discussion period which follows, opportunity will be afforded to ask questions. Mr. Jenkins has a highly important message for us and one from which all quarry operators should derive real benefit.

The final and concluding feature of the Cincinnati Convention will be the Reception and Annual Banquet on Wednesday evening, the last opportunity until a year hence to foregather with your fellow producers, friends, and guests, to spend a thoroughly enjoyable evening in an atmosphere of complete relaxation. For this occasion we have engaged "America's Knight of Satire," Art Briese. Widely known as a humorist of exceptional talents, he keeps his audience wondering, surprised, and laughing—surely the essential ingredients to a perfect evening of entertainment.

# All Are Invited to Attend

Attendance at the forthcoming 38th Annual Convention of the National Crushed Stone Association is not restricted to members only, and this point can not be emphasized too strongly. All crushed stone producers and others interested in the crushed stone industry are cordially invited to attend. We urge, if you have not already done so, that you make hotel reservations immediately. Special reservation cards are available upon request to the Association, and their use insures preferential consideration in obtaining rooms for the Convention period.

Make your plans now to attend, certain in the knowledge that you will have a memorable and profitable three days in Cincinnati.

# Road Rating Plan May Save Millions

A YOUNG California county road commissioner, H. E. Carlson, has devised a new highway rating plan that some experts feel may, in effect, save the nation countless millions of dollars over the next two or three decades.

The plan has been cited by H. S. Fairbank, deputy commissioner of the Bureau of Public Roads, as "an invaluable tool in determining highway policy by county authorities." Mr. Fairbank advised division engineers of the bureau throughout the country to explore fully the possibilities outlined in the plan.

Prepared basically as an engineering study, Mr. Carlson's procedures make it possible for primary needs of both the state highway department and county road building authorities to be met with a maximum of efficiency in the expenditure of public funds.

Mr. Carlson's technique starts with the so-called "sufficiency rating" approach to the county road problem but he supplements it with data on maintenance and construction costs and with information on the revenue potential from use of individual road sections.

Highway engineers are aware, of course, of basic elements that must be considered in determining a road's adequacy. These are geometric design, physical condition, safety and the amount of service which the road gives to a community. The problem of considering these elements for every road section requires a wealth of design, traffic and physical condition data.

Collection of data was the first step taken by Mr. Carlson and his assistants. In order to determine the average daily traffic over each "rural" road in a 1,060 mile county road system, mechanical and personal counts were examined. Adjustments were made for the seasonal variations.

Records for the various roads were then divided into five different groups, depending on daily traffic: 0-50 vehicles per day, 50-100, 100-400, 400-1,000 and 1,000-4,000. The standard to which each type of road should be constructed was then adopted for each traffic grouping.

Only then did Mr. Carlson move on to the basic elements of geometric design, physical condition, safety and service. And to each of these four fundamental elements of road adequacy he gave a rating. This gave him a road adequacy point rating which could range from zero for the worst possible

condition to 100 for a completely adequate section. To this finally was added a formula for determining a priority schedule which included the economics of highway construction and maintenance.

Planning and budgeting programs are greatly simplified because the most deficient road with the highest economic justification is obviously No. 1 on the priority list.—Highway Highlights

# AMA Backs President's Road Program

A CTING to give fullest possible support to President Eisenhower's plea for a \$101-billion, tenyear highway building program, the Automobile Manufacturers Association has adopted a precedent-setting AMA highway policy.

Key feature of the policy is a recommendation that the federal government take over the full cost of modernizing the 40,000-mile Interstate Highway System. The interstate net includes the most heavily traveled routes of the present federal-aid system of highways. For the past 33 years the automotive industry has strongly supported the long-standing limitation of federal funds to no more than half of construction costs on any road.

William J. Cronin, AMA managing director, said that "the present highway emergency makes it mandatory that the Interstate Highway System be rushed to completion during the next ten years. At the present rate of improvement the job will not be done for half a century."

Other features of the new AMA program call for: 1. Creation of a Federal Highway Authority empowered to use long-term financing to supplement today's insufficient tax revenues; use of similar financing by states and communities.

2. Doubling for ten years of the federal contribution to farm-to-market roads, main rural roads, and arterial city streets which make up most of the remainder of the present Federal-Aid System.

"Adoption of these recommendations," Cronin said, "represents a departure from traditional financing methods, but one that is absolutely essential if America is to get out of the current traffic mess. If these financing policies are put into effect, the \$101-billion cost of this construction can be met with almost no need to look for more highway tax funds than are already available."—Automobile Facts

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